

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

Date of Completion: 12-09-2013

State: Missouri

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2014

☒ Overall Report
Two-parent
Report

(check one)

Apply the overall credit to the two-
parent participation rate?

☐ yes
☒ no

PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005

(Complete this section for EACH change)

1. Name of eligibility change: **Change of two parent households to solely state funded program.**
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: **October 1, 2006**
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: **Beginning October 2006 Missouri opted to remove two-parent families subject to work participation requirements from TANF. Two-parent families subject to work participation requirements are in a solely state funded program.**
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form):

The impact of the change is shown on the two-parent impact worksheet in Part II of this report, which depicts a decline in caseloads from October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2007. An average was determined and used to calculate the net impact.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: **3,284**

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1. Name of eligibility change: **Immediate Engagement**
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: **January 1, 2008**
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

All Temporary Assistance applicants who are not exempt or excluded from work participation activities are required to begin the process to engage in work activities with the Division of Workforce Development (DWD) prior to approval of the Temporary Assistance application. This policy is referred to as Immediate Engagement. All Temporary Assistance applicants who do not meet an exemption or exclusion from work participation activities must meet with DWD and complete an Individual Employment Plan prior to approval of the Temporary Assistance application or have good cause for not doing so.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:
(attach supporting materials to this form)

Missouri is unaware of all circumstances that occur with an individual applicant, and is unable to determine other factors that contribute to an individual not complying with the Immediate Engagement requirement. Some individuals that are rejected in a month due to non-compliance with Immediate Engagement re-apply later and comply with Immediate Engagement.

There is no impact due to this eligibility change as these individuals were never part of the Temporary Assistance caseload.

NOTE: Effective December 6, 2010 this is no longer an eligibility factor for Temporary Assistance.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: none

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1. Name of eligibility change: **Implement Transitional Employment Benefit program as a separate state program.**
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: **October 1, 2008**
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

TEB is a fifty dollar (\$50.00) payment to families for up to six (6) months when the family loses eligibility for Temporary Assistance benefits due to an increase in earned income, removal of an earnings disregard or an allowable expense deduction, or a household composition change which causes ineligibility due to income guidelines for Temporary Assistance. TEB helps to support working families during their transition into employment and the loss of eligibility for Temporary Assistance. Previously families received no assistance following loss of Temporary Assistance eligibility due to earned income.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:
(attach supporting materials to this form):

The impact of the change is shown on the TEB impact worksheet in Part II of this report, which identifies the number of TEB families each month from October 1, 2012, to September 30, 2013. An average was determined and used to calculate the impact.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: **1,885**

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1. Name of eligibility change: **Temporary Assistance Recipient Drug Testing**
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: **March 4, 2013**
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

All applicants and participants for Temporary Assistance (TA) benefits who are age eighteen (18) or older and are the head of household will complete a screening for illegal use of a controlled substance. Individuals required to complete the screening must cooperate with the screening in order to receive or continue to receive Temporary Assistance (TA). The screening determines if an individual applying for TA benefits must be referred for a drug test. Participants who are age eighteen (18) or older and are the head of household and are receiving Temporary Assistance (TA) benefits are submitted quarterly to a match with the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP). This match searches law enforcement records for participants that have an arrest or conviction for a misdemeanor or felony drug offense for the previous 12 months. If there is a match, the participant is referred for a drug test.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:
(attach supporting materials to this form)

There is no impact due to this eligibility change as any individual that does not comply with the drug screening, drug testing, or tests positive may be disqualified from receiving Temporary Assistance for themselves for three years, however the children continue receiving Temporary Assistance benefits.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: none

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PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

(Complete Part 2 using Excel Workbook provided.)

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PART 3 -- Certification

I certify that we have provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology used to complete this report and considered those comments in completing it. Further, I certify that this report incorporates all reductions in the caseload resulting from State eligibility changes and changes in Federal requirements since Fiscal Year 2005.

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